GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided by the Government to the exporters to promote export of handicrafts;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new policy/scheme for promotion and development of handicrafts industry during the Eleventh Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eleventh Plan;

(d) whether the Government has set up Export Promotion Council/Special Economic Zones to promote export of handicrafts; and

(e) If so, the details and achievements thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The Government has been providing facilities to the exporters through Export Promotion Councils for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council under Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme and Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme

(b) & (c): During the 11th Five Year Plan, Government is implementing six schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts which includes: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of identified craft clusters; Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme; Marketing Support & Service Scheme; Design & Technology Upgradation Scheme; Human Resource Development Scheme and Research and Development Scheme. An allocation of Rs.1257.01 crores has been made under these schemes for the 11th Plan period.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The two export promotion councils i.e. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts and Carpet Export Promotion Council are already functioning for handicrafts & carpets seperately. So far as Special Economic Zones (SEZ) are concerned, 3 formal approvals have been granted under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 for handicrafts sector by the Ministry of Commerce; only I SEZ has been notified as per details given below:-

Sl.No.	Name of Developer	Location of SEZ	Sector	Area (in hectares)	Remarks
1	Mansarovar Industrial Development Corporation	Jodhpur,Rajasthan	RJ	131	Notified
2	Gujarat Growth Centres Development Corp. Ltd. (GGDCL)	Moti Chiral GGDCL, Estate Village Moti Chiral, District,Kutch,Gujarat	GJ	131-59-62	
3	Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Dev. Corp. (UPSIDC)	Bhadohi, District Sant Ravidas Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	UP	103.96	